

"For Home and Country" presented to libraries across Ontario

Shetland Women's Institute Tweedsmuir History Curator Evelyn Playfoot (right) presented *For Home and Country* to Shetland Librarian Barbara Beckett (left).

Submitted by Evelyn Playfoot, Tweedsmuir History Curator, Shetland WI, Lambton South.



The Moyle Women's Institute in Brant North District presented a copy of *For Home and Country: The Centennial History of the Women's Institutes in Ontario to the Paris Public Library*. From left to right are Head Librarian Werner Mueller, Library Board Chairperson Jean Farquharson, Moyle WI President Doris Depew, Tweedsmuir History Convener Gladys Allen and Branch Secretary Dorothy McCormick.

Submitted by Elizabeth Young, PRO, Moyle WI, Brant North.



The Zealand Branch purchased three copies of *For Home and Country*: one for their local library, one for their Branch and one to loan out to members and friends. Pictured from left to right are Brenda Garrett - PRO, Ruth Pearce - President, Sue Hunter - Librarian, and Joyce Hunter - Zealand WI member.

Submitted by Brenda Garrett, PRO, Zealand WI, Lanark South.



Four members of the Lookout Bay Branch presented a copy of *For Home and Country* to the Hawkesbury Public Library. From left to right are Olive Lalonde, Kathy Hall, Ethelda Boa, Francis Palin - Library representative, and Reta Kirby.

Submitted by Ethelda Boa, Lookout Bay WI member, Prescott District.



FWIC REPORT

By Margaret Munro

Bail-Out-Bucket or B.O.B.

This has been a fund raising project to attempt to ensure stable funding for the Federated Women's Institutes of Canada (FWIC). Members across Canada were asked to donate \$1 per person per year for the triennium. The fund stands at approximately \$30,000. Alberta is the only province so far to reach the goal of \$1 per member per year; however, new Brunswick may achieve it before the final report at the Convention in Hamilton. Ontario has donated \$4,600.

International Project

As International Convener it was my responsibility to locate an International project. The Knitted Squares for Zambia Project was approved. All across Canada, people - young and old, members and non-members - have been busy knitting and raising funds for the postage. It has been so successful that the people in Zambia have had to use a small truck to pick up the parcels at the Post Office. Over 160,000 squares have been sent to date, and many have not yet sent a final report. A report will be given at Convention '97.

Substance Abuse Project

This project was organized by FWIC and funded by Health Canada. It was held in Quebec, Newfoundland and Saskatchewan. The final report was presented to Health Canada in December 1996.

Mrs. A. (Madge) Watt Memorial Fund

Madge Watt was a Canadian who founded the first WI in England and later the ACWW, of which she was the first President. Mrs. Watt's grave is located in a cemetery near Montreal. FWIC thought it would be a fitting tribute to place a plaque on her grave on the 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute. Donations came from across Canada, and from around the world. The plaque will be unveiled on June 25, 1997.

Federated News

For only \$4 per year you can receive the FWIC newsletter three times a year. Travel across Canada and look into activities in all the provinces without leaving your home.

To all of you who have donated to any or all of the above projects, I thank each and every one of you for supporting your national organization. For the last three years, it has been headed by Charlotte Johnson who has carried out the duties of national President with dignity, understanding, dedication and a sense of humour. It has been a pleasure to serve on the FWIC Executive under her leadership.

Margaret Munro is the FWIO Executive Officer to FWIC. She will be completing her term of office in this position as of June, 1997. You can contact the FWIC Office at Suite 606, 251 Bank St., Ottawa ON K2P 1X3, Phone: (613)234-1090.



FIVE GOLD RINGS

The fifth in the Christmas tree ornament series - "Five Gold Rings" - is now available from the FWIO Provincial Office. The ornament is inscribed with Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, Seasons Greetings, 1997. The cost is \$5 each.

The ornaments are available from the FWIO Provincial Office, so start your Christmas shopping early!

Note: Complete sets are still available at a cost of \$5 per ornament.